



# The Visitor

Schoharie Reformed Church

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Consistory



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## Consistory Message

Consistory is still working on getting pulpit supply each Sunday. Jeff Kelly, Pastor of Middleburgh Reformed Church is supervising our consistory meetings.

Sarah and Cindy attended the classis meeting. There are thirteen churches in classis and only three have pastors.

Cindy and Luke continue to meet with the Presbyterian church. They are working on having a community Thanksgiving service the Sunday before Thanksgiving. There are other items both churches are working on to get the community involved.

We spent \$35,529.60 in expenses from June to September. During that timeframe we brought in \$25,622.72. We should see a shift and our reserves should start to build back up, but we need donations to continue in order to achieve that.

We want to thank Liza for leading the book review on David. Along with our church there are three people from the Presbyterian church attending.

We also want to thank Liza and Marion for doing a great job with Christian Ed. They are doing a lot of work opening our doors to our community's youths needs.

SRC Consistory,

Cindy Parks  
 Larry Poulin  
 Sarah Goodrich  
 Luke Jacobs

MaryAnn Foland  
 Emily Fagnani  
 Mike Jaqueway  
 Dave Goodrich

## After School Program

The Schoharie Christian After School Program has gotten off to a wonderful beginning this year. We are at full capacity with 44 children. We do not have any more than 38 on any given day...but still a loud, fun, and curious group!

We have a large number of 4- and 5-year-olds this year, so our program started off the year teaching the basics about the Bible and God's love. The golden rule is taught daily as we do expect kindness and respect to be shown to all.

We are beginning our prayer chain this month which will continue all year. The chain will reach around the room by the end of the year. Each child will add a link to the chain at least once a week with a prayer on it for someone they know or even themselves. Prayer is a big part of lessons since many children do not understand the kinds of prayer and just how much a part of our lives it should be.

We are now working on Operation Christmas Child and plan to pack the shoe box size boxes for children in third world countries. Mary Lou Ryan from the Middleburg Reformed Church came to our program and shared a wonderful slide show of her visit to Africa while the boxes were being passed out and talked to the kids about the program. It was delightful. If anyone would like to donate items for the boxes to our program, we can get them a list of what is needed.

Submitted by JoAnne Mayne, Director

## Bible Study

An exciting new Bible study on the life David has begun! We are using a study guide written by Jack Kuhatschek entitled **David: Developing a Heart of God**. Over 12 sessions we will explore David confronting Goliath, David's friendship with Jonathan, David's complex relationship with King Saul, David's temptations, and David was referred to as a man after God's own heart. We continue to meet at 6:30PM each Monday in the Heritage House. Books are available in the Narthex of the church or by contacting Liza Toborg at (518) 295-8554 or ltobog@midtel.net.

## Announcements

- Returnables to Righi's Redemption Center in Middleburg for fundraising.
- Aluminum can tabs that will be donated towards Shriners Hospital for Children. Any aluminum tabs you wish to donate, you can leave in the Narthex to be picked up by church staff.
- November 13th from 5pm-7pm, the Prattsville Reformed Church is hosting a paint n sip event. Please see the following site for more information and registration. <https://app.getoccasion.com/xp/w5SLqNr7>
- Friday, November 18th is Shopper's Day at the Apple Barrel from 9am-7pm. Enjoy the discounts, friendly atmosphere and more!

# Stained Glass Window Repair Fundraiser



Schoharie Reformed Church  
Bring your deposit bottles  
&  
cans  
to Middleburgh  
(opposite from Valley Market)

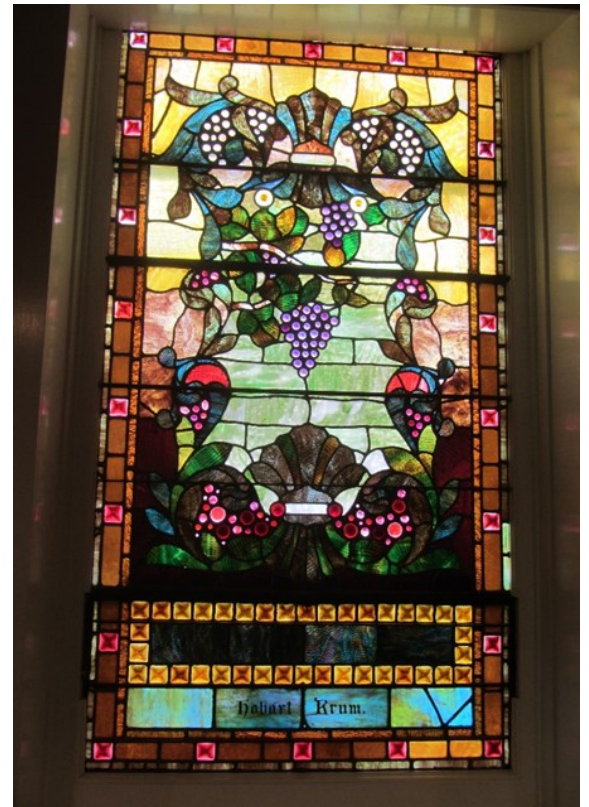
Tell them to put the money  
into the fundraiser.

Walk away.  
It's that easy.

No nasty machines to deal with.

Help save our local history  
from falling apart.

*Thank you!!!*



Window question? Please Call 518-295-8554

## *Thanksgiving Service*

Please join us for a special Thanksgiving service at our church on November 20th, which is a Sunday, at 10AM. The Presbyterian church will be joining us and Pastor Andrea will be leading the service.

There will also be a special free-will offering for the Schoharie Animal Shelter.

We hope to see you there!



## *Food Pantry*

If you would like to volunteer with the Food Pantry, please contact Diane Walion at 518-868-4629. **The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-2pm.** The Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for your support and donations. Your help makes the Food Pantry successful in helping our community!



## *Christmas Program*

The children will be preparing for a special Christmas program to be shared with our congregation during the worship service on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Practices will be held each Sunday beginning on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The children will be dismissed from the worship service after the children's message to practice downstairs in the Fellowship Hall with Marion Jaqueway. For more information, please contact Marion at (518) 514-8442.



## *Operation Christmas Child*

Nov. 13<sup>st</sup> – Blessing of the OCC boxes during worship and delivery to Middleburgh Reformed Church.



## *Poinsettias for Christmas*

Orders will be taken starting in late November for Poinsettias to decorate our alter for Christmas again this year. Schoharie Valley Farms will be providing the poinsettias. Please watch for the order forms in the Weekly Church Bulletin or in the December newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to order by phone, please contact Emily Fagnini at 518-231-4420

# Halloween Overview

Members of the Schoharie Reformed Church participated in the village wide “Trick or Treat” held Monday evening. Kids and adults were treated to fresh popcorn, candy, and other treats donated by congregation members. Information regarding our upcoming Children's Christmas Program, and an open invitation to participate, was shared as well. Having the opportunity to share in fellowship through a community event was a gift for all in attendance. Many thanks to all who participated, provided candy and treats, and offered support for this event. A good time was had by all.



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